

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please cancel the previous Cross-Reference to Related Applications section on page 1 of the specification, and add the new Cross-Reference to Related Applications as follows:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

The present application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/188,709, filed November 10, 1998, entitled, "Internet Client-Server Multiplexer" and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,411,986 on June 25, 2005, which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

On page 2 of the specification, please cancel the second full paragraph at lines 11-16 and add the following paragraph:

The client-server paradigm described above has server the Internet well. However, there are some problems. On problem called server connection loading was described in details in the commonly-owned, U.S. Patent Application No. 09/188,709, filed November 10, 1998, entitled, "Internet Client-Server Multiplexer" and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,411,986 on June 25, 2005, incorporated by reference in its entirety. For completeness, however, the connection loading problem is briefly described herein.